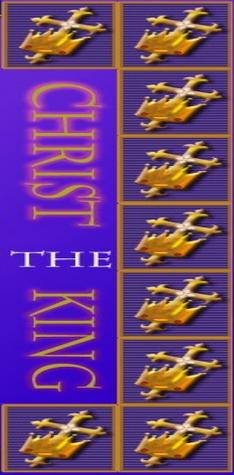


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# The Seton Sentinel

A publication of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



**CELEBRATING  
THE FEAST OF  
CHRIST THE KING**

**THE SETON SENTINEL**

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**Office Hours:**

Monday– Thursday  
 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Friday  
 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Weekends and Evenings  
*by appointment only*

Parish Office is closed for all Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays.

**Reconciliation**  
 Saturdays 3:15pm to 3:45pm  
 or by appointment

**Mission Statement:**

"We are Called....

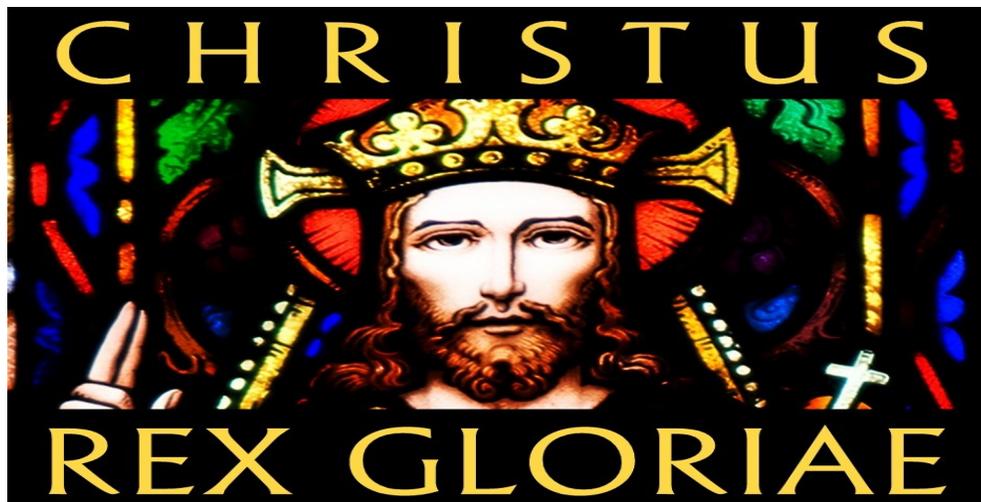
To act with Justice,

To love Tenderly,

To Serve One Another,

To Walk Humbly with God"

*Paraphrased from Micah 6:8 by David Haas*



**The Jubilee Year of Mercy** concludes today, the Solemnity of Christ the King. To properly close this year of observance in our parish we will hold an afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration from after the 11:30 am Mass today until 5:00 pm (prior to the 5:30 on Mass). The day will conclude with Eucharistic Benediction at 5:00 pm. There will also be opportunities for Confessions to be heard during the afternoon. **We would like to extend a very special invitation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to those who have not been there in a long time, months, years, even decades. Help us to invite someone who has been away back to the Sacrament by telling them about this opportunity. Such tremendous grace to be reconciled during this Year of Mercy!** Also, come and spend some quiet time with Our Sacred Lord in His Real Sacramental Presence of the Altar. **All are welcome at any time to come and adore Christ.**

**Thanksgiving**  
  
**Mass**

Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Day Mass this Thursday, November 24, 2016, at **9:00 am**. Due to the ongoing collection of canned goods and the recent food drive by the K of C, bringing canned goods will be optional. There will be a special collection taken for Social Concerns that day. We also invite you to share with us the "bounty of the land" as we offer fruit to you to share at your Thanksgiving Day meal. **"Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is right and just!"**

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**Sunday, November 20th**, 7th Grade Confirmation Enrollment at 5:30pm Mass & Parent meeting after mass in church hall. **There are no CCD classes on Saturday, Nov. 26th or Monday, Nov. 28th –Thanksgiving Break.**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS PLAY**

**Monday, December 19th, 6:30pm, in church hall. Based on *It's a Wonderful Life*. Admission is FREE. Everyone is welcome!**

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Our parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Parish **Pastoral Council** will resume **Tuesday, December 6th**, with an open meeting at 6:30 pm. In the church hall. Members of the various parish organizations (Holy Name, Christians Mothers, Knights, Social Concerns, etc.) are invited to the December meeting to continue our conversation about our Parish's Mission and Vision.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Please add one of these items to your shopping list and bring into church with you. Drop off in the boxes in the Church vestibule. The collection benefits our neighbors at the Holy Family Food Pantry in Luzerne. Thank you for your help! **CANNED FRUIT, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CEREAL, CANNED BEEF STEW, CANNED VEGETABLES, SMALL BAGS OF RICE, MAC & CHEESE.**



The Social Concerns Committee are thrilled to report that over the two weekends of the Children's Coats and Shoe Drive, the generous parish of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has collected: 64 coats, 23 hoodies, 11 infant winter snow suits, 35 pairs of shoes, 3 snow pants, and numerous socks, gloves, hats and scarves. 75% of the items were brand new. Thank you all for making this the most successful drive to date. Finally, a very special thank you to our Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of shoes and personal items. God Bless You All.



### HOLY NAME SOCIETY 50/50 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Countdown is on!!! Only 7 more days to get your **Christmas 50/50 Raffle Tickets!** The drawing will be held next Sunday, November 27th after the 8:30 am Mass. Donation is \$5.00 per ticket. **HNS members will be selling tickets in our church vestibule after all weekend masses.** Also, HNS members are

asked to make their ticket returns at this time.



### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Reservations are now being taken for the annual Christian Mothers Christmas Party. Members pay \$10.00 and non-members \$15.00. The party will be held on Sunday, December 11th, at 1pm in our church hall. **Please RSVP by December 5th by calling Sue Bayer at 570-714-1628.**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Our Knights of Columbus concluded their annual Care & Share food drive last weekend and again it was a great success. The Knights would like to thank everyone who helped with the door hangers, collecting, sorting, boxing, and donating food. With all your help, we were able to make up all the food boxes needed to

help our parishioners in need and donate 2 pick-up trucks full of food to the Holy Family Food Pantry. In addition, the Knights will be donating Gerrity Gift Cards with each food box. Thank you again, and have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a truly blessed Christmas! (If we missed picking up anyone's food donations, please call Lori at the parish office and we will pick it up.)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST BUFFET



Our Knights of Columbus is holding their annual All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, December 11th, from 9am to 1pm, in our school cafeteria. Price is \$7/adults and \$4/children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the door. Santa Claus will be there, so bring your list and your camera!

### Parish Staff

- Cora Artim  
*Children's Choir*
- Phil Bosha  
*Maintenance*
- Chris Calore  
*Maintenance*
- Scott Coates  
*Contemporary Mass Musician*
- Sister Jane Ellis, IHM  
*Parish Social Minister*
- Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi  
*Pastor*
- Lori Raymond  
*Pastoral Associate*
- Joseph Sabol  
*Assistant Organist*
- Monica Salis  
*Business Manager*
- Marge Semanek  
*Director of Music*
- Sister Marion Tarone, IHM  
*Director of Religious Education*
- Rev. Anthony Urban  
*Weekend Celebrant*
- Deacon Jack Ziegler  
*Permanent Deacon*

### Direct Contacts

- Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane):  
570-763-5160 [sisterjane@setonpa.com](mailto:sisterjane@setonpa.com)
- Faith Formation Office (Sr. Marion):  
570-287-4587 [sistermarion@setonpa.com](mailto:sistermarion@setonpa.com)
- Father Joe's email:  
[fatherjoey@aol.com](mailto:fatherjoey@aol.com)
- Parish direct email:  
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Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to the publication week.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Pray for Us!

## Prayer Chain

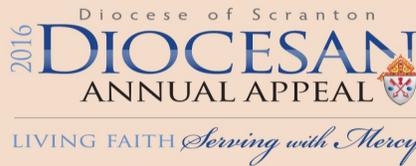
Volunteers are needed to join in the Seton Prayer Chain. To become one of our prayer partners contact Gail at 570-690-7520. If anyone is in need of prayer, contact Gail at that number or call Lori in the parish office. All calls are confidential.



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Diocese of Scranton



Log on to setonpa.com and sign-up for electronic giving. It's a fast easy way to remember your offerings. You can chose to give weekly, monthly, pay dues, etc. Look for and click:



*Parish Goal:* \$47,000.00  
*Raised So Far:* \$36,700.00  
*Amount Needed:* \$10,300.00

Thank you to everyone who has done something on this year's Appeal so far. You are encouraged to take an envelope home today and return it next week if you have not done so yet so that we can bring our portion of the Annual Appeal to a happy issue. We still have quite a ways to go to reach our goal. Anything you can do to help the people of our Diocese is greatly appreciated. Even a small gift or donation makes a big difference! Please consider helping today! Thank you and God Bless You for all that you do.

**TEXT TO GIVE:** If you haven't yet given to the Annual Appeal, help us reach our Parish goal by texting a gift with your cell phone. Send a new text message to the number **91999**, then text the word **APPEAL** and hit *Send*. A message will appear with a link to the make an online gift. Tap the link and fill out the information requested. Once you make a gift, you will receive a text and an email receipt for your donation, and our parish will be credited with your gift. Thank you for your generosity to the Annual Appeal in support of our Diocesan ministries and services.

**ALTAR GUILD ADVENT PIROHY SALES—ORDER EARLY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2nd.** Cost is \$7.00/dozen. Pick up in school cafeteria from 12noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. *We will need lots of help making the pirohy!* Come at 7am if you can help ball potatoes. All others come at 8:30. Bring a friend along. Lunch will be served!  
Pirohy Sales also on Friday, December 9th, and Friday, December 16th.



*"Give to the Most High God, as God has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and God will give back to you sevenfold."* **Sirach 35: 9-10**

**November 5/6, 2016**

SUNDAY: \$8442.00

LOOSE: \$684.62

Day's Wage: \$20.00

**TOTAL: \$12,766.36**

All Saints: \$1971.86

DUES: \$3359.00

E-GIVING: \$260.74

**Special Thanks to the Seton Christian Mothers who donated \$3,000.00 toward our heating expenses for the winter months.**

Diocesan: World Mission Sunday: \$10.00

*May God Bless You for your Generosity!*

**November Parish Group Collection: Holy Name Society**

## HOLIDAY HELPING HANDS

The Holidays are right around the corner and that could be a very hard time of the year for some of our families who do not have the resources for a Holiday meal, let alone Christmas presents for children. **If you or someone you know is struggling, please let us know. Contact Lori, our Pastoral Associate, at the office. All calls will be held in the strictest confidence.** We will be preparing Holiday Food Baskets & Christmas presents for children. We will once again be accepting Food Cards from local supermarkets & sponsoring the Annual Giving Tree. If you can donate grocery gift cards for someone in need, drop it in the collection or bring it to the office. Your help is greatly appreciated as we reach out to those who may go without this Thanksgiving & Christmas.



### ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON —THE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree is up and ready with the gift tags for the needy children and families & shut-ins. Please return the gifts with the TAG ATTACHED. If for some reason you are unable to get the gift, bring back the tag & place it back on the tree. We always have a very successful drive, thanks to our parish's tremendous generosity. We thank you in advance for your participation in this year's gift drive. (Please return all gifts as soon as possible, no later than December 18th.)

**HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT/SCHOLARSHIP TEST** for interested Public and Private School 8th graders: Saturday, December 10th, at 8:30am. Call the Guidance Office to register for the test : 570-829-2424

### Christmas Toy & Food Registration-St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen

Registration for Toys & Food for Christmas will be held at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre on Monday, Nov. 21st, from 10am to 2pm and 4pm to 7pm. Parents should bring the following: 1. Photo ID, 2. verification of income, 3. social security card for everyone in the household, 4. proof of address with a recent date. Food Distribution will take place at St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen, 39 E. Jackson St., W-B, on Monday, December 19th from 9:30am to 1:30pm and 4pm to 7pm. Toy distribution is at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave, W-B, on Monday, December 10th from 9am to 1pm and 4pm to 7pm .

**TO DONATE TOYS or New Outerwear for the children, call Dianne at 570-406-9843. They can also be dropped off at the kitchen on Tuesdays & Thursdays before noon at the Kitchen, or at Our Lady of Hope on Park Ave, on Wednesdays & Fridays from 10-2, beginning Dec. 2nd. Drop-offs should be made through the Kitchen's rear entrance on Bennett St. If you would like to volunteer to help with the distribution, call Dianne at 570-406-9843.**

### HELP WANTED-ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER

Are you looking for a rewarding career where you can make a difference in people's lives? **JOB FAIR** at 5 sites on Thursday, November 17th. 10am –2pm and 4pm –6pm. 2010 Adams Ave., Scranton, 320 S. Blakely St., Dunmore, Elmhurst, Carbondale, & Swoyersville Homes. For locations & information, visit: [www.stjosephscenter.org](http://www.stjosephscenter.org) (570) 963-1282. Full Time~~Part Time~~Weekend Shifts ~~with guaranteed hours and a steady schedule.

## Hospital + Visitation

A reminder to all parishioners: If you or a family or friend is admitted to the Hospital, Physical Rehab, or a Nursing Home, please contact Sister Jane at 570-763-5160 to inform the parish. We try to visit everyone we know is hospitalized or in a facility for any length of time but we need your help. Hospitals do not release patient information to the parish any longer due to privacy regulations. For emergency Anointing of the Sick, call anytime, day or night the main rectory number for assistance. Note that priests are assigned to hospital emergency calls on a rotating basis so ask the nurses station to call the priest on duty in the event of an emergency.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CDs



Did you check out our "rolling library" of religious books & CDs located in our vestibule? For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.

### Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis)

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

## Masses for the Week

### Monday, November 21

8:00 am James Keating

Presentation of the BVM

Family

### Tuesday, November 22

8:00 am Adolph & Bertha Kadish

St. Cecilia

Children

### Wednesday, November 23

8:00 am All Souls' Intentions

### Thursday, November 24

9:00 am *Pro Populo*

Thanksgiving Day

### Friday, October November 25

8:00 am All Souls' Intentions

### Saturday, November 26

4:00 pm Stephen & Helen Gaydos

**vigil: First Sunday of Advent**

Stephen Jr. & Diane Gaydos

5:30 pm Brian Powers

Social Concerns Committee

### Sunday, November 27

8:30 am Joseph & Lois Koval

**First Sunday of Advent**

Daughter, Lois & Children

10:00 am William Warman

Wife

11:30 am Callari Family

Steve & Maria Englot

5:30 pm *Pro Populo*

### The Recently Departed

~~Mary Jean Prutzman~~ May her soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### Sanctuary Candles

- In Memory of Bernie Hargadon offered by Family
- In Memory of Louis & Anita Hovanec offered by Family

### Altar Flowers

- In Memory of James Keating offered by Family



### Priest's Schedule

#### Saturday, November 26

4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 pm Fr. Urban

#### Sunday, November 27

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Urban

11:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

